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Viewing cable 08TRIPOLI120, EXTREMISM IN EASTERN LIBYA

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08TRIPOLI120	2008-02-15 12:50	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Tripoli

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SUBJECT: EXTREMISM IN EASTERN LIBYA

TRIPOLI 00000120 001.2 OF 004

CLASSIFIED BY: Chris Stevens, CDA, Embassy Tripoli, Dept of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

1.(C) Summary: A U.S.-Libyan dual national who regularly visits family members in eastern Libya recently described for us social, political and

2.(S/NF) In a meeting February 5, U.S.-Libyan dual national XXXXXXXXXXXX(strictly protect) told P/E Chief that eastern Libya remains a locus of GOL KEEPS EAST POOR TO KEEP IT POLITICALLY DISENFRANCHISED ...

3.(S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX said eastern Libya suffers from a disproportionately high level of unemployment, particularly for young men between the a ... BUT RECENT VIOLENCE SUGGESTS GOL'S APPROACH FLAWED

4.(S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX said recent events in Benghazi and Derna suggest that the GOL's premise is flawed. Family members with whom he is in regu "NOTHING TO LOSE"

5.(S/NF) Citing conversations with relatives, XXXXXXXXXXXX said the unemployed, disenfranchised young men of eastern Libya "have nothing to los COMPENSATION FOR MARTYRS' FAMILIES AN INCENTIVE FOR SOME

6.(S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX flatly stated that some young men, particularly those from more impoverished clans, are motivated by the promise of long- "PERVERSE PRIDE" AS GEOGRAPHICAL LOCUS OF RESISTANCE A DRAW FOR OTHERS

7.(S/NF) The fact that the east has been comparatively disenfranchised, together with its historical role as a locus of opposition to the Ottom

8.(S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX said he was struck by the level sentiment against Coalition forces in Iraq, and by the obvious pride the dinner guests to

9.(S/NF) Noting that the leader of Libya's resistance against the Italian occupation in the early 20th century, national hero Omar Mukhtar, was IRAQ SEEN AS A "LOCAL" ISSUE FOR YOUNG EASTERN LIBYANS

10.(S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX noted that for many young eastern men, jihad in Iraq was perceived to be a local issue. Among the factors fueling that p "CODED" MOSQUE SERMONS MORE RADICAL IN EAST

11.(S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX partly attributed the fierce mindset in Benghazi and Derna to the message preached by imams in eastern Libyan mosques, w ARCHITECTURE, GEOGRAPHY COMPLICATE GOL CONTROL OF EASTERN MOSQUES

12.(S/NF) Part of the difficulty for GOL authorities in controlling eastern mosques is that the most zealous imams tend to preach in small subu AS DO TIGHT FAMILY, SOCIAL CIRCLES

13.(S/NF) Citing conversations with relatives, XXXXXXXXXXXX said it is "common knowledge" that GOL security organizations attempt to monitor m

14.(S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX related the story of a young man from Derna who was recently suspected of reporting to GOL security organizations on whc

15.(S/NF) Comment: XXXXXXXXXXXX account affords a relatively rare insider's look at the social, political and economic factors in eastern Libya STEVENS